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Office Action Summary

Application No. 10/725,165	Applicant(s) DUONG, LOC QUANG	
Examiner Thomas R. Hannon	Art Unit 3682	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 October 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.
- 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) 12-14 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,3-6,9-11,15-18 and 21-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 2,7,8,19 and 20 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some
 - * c) None of:
 - 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

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This application contains claims 12-14 drawn to an invention nonelected with traverse in the reply filed June 23, 2005.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 3-6, 10, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Andler et al.

Andler et al. discloses a journal bearing system comprising a bushing 1 and a journal pin within the bushing (inherent during use), wherein the bushing has an engagement surface with an engagement length comprising substrate material and a solid lubricant (CuPbSn alloy 4) the concentration of the solid lubricant varies along the circumferential engagement surface of the bushing. With respect to claim 3, note column 5, line 36. With respect to claim 6, note claim 7

With respect to claim 10, note column 2, lines 54.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 9, 15-18, and 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Andler as applied to claims 1 and 10 above, and further in view of McCreary.

McCreary discloses a bushing and journal pin assembly for a geared turbofan transmission in which the journal pin has at least one lubrication passageway 60 extending to the

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engagement surface. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize the bushing assembly of Andler in other known devices including that of a turbofan transmission, because McCreary discloses the use of a bushing obtained by plating. Moreover, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide a journal pin with lubrication passageways, as the pin for Andler, because this is taught and suggested by McCreary, as being a known manner of lubricating a bushing assembly.

Claims 2, 7, 8, 19 and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-23 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.


Applicants' remarks concerning claim 10 are noted. Applicants note that there "has been no showing that Okamoto et al. discloses or suggests the means for this function identified in the present specification or their equivalent structure". If Applicant wishes 35 U.S.C. §112 sixth paragraph interpretation, Applicant must: show why the claim language properly invokes 35 U.S.C. §112, sixth paragraph; identify the function; identify the corresponding structure; and amend the specification to explicitly state what structure corresponds to the recited function with reference to the claimed terms and phrases, provided no new matter is introduced. See 37CFR 1.175(d)(1).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas R. Hannon whose telephone number is (571) 272-7104. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (8:30-7:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Ridley can be reached on (571) 272-6917. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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